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MERIT SYSTEMS PROTECTION BOARD

5 CFR Parts 1201 and 1210

Practices and Procedures; Appeal of Removal or Transfer of Senior Executive Service Employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs; Corrections

AGENCY: Merit Systems Protection Board.

ACTION: Correcting amendments.

SUMMARY: The Merit Systems Protection Board (MSPB or the Board) published an interim final rule in the **Federal Register** on August 19, 2014, amending its rules of practice and procedure to adapt the Board's regulations to legislative changes that have created new laws applicable to the removal or transfer of Senior Executive Service employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs. This document corrects the interim final rule by revising these sections.

DATES: Effective on August 19, 2014.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This interim final rule is necessary to adapt the MSPB's regulations to recent amendments to Federal law contained in section 707 of the Veterans' Access to Care through Choice, Accountability, and Transparency Act of 2014, Public Law 113-146 (the Act). The Act was signed by the President on August 7, 2014, and took effect on that same date. These are technical corrections to definitions and citations.

List of Subjects in 5 CFR Parts 1201 and 1210

Administrative practice and procedure.

Accordingly, 5 CFR part 1210 is corrected by making the following correcting amendments:

PART 1210—PRACTICES AND PROCEDURES FOR AN APPEAL OF A REMOVAL OR TRANSFER OF A SENIOR EXECUTIVE SERVICE EMPLOYEE BY THE SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

■ 1. The authority citation for part 1210 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 5 U.S.C. 1204 and 7701, and 38 U.S.C. 713.

■ 2. In § 1210.2, revise paragraph (a) to read as follows:

§ 1210.2 Definitions.

(a) The term *employee covered by this part* means an individual career appointee as that term is defined in 5 U.S.C. 3132(a)(4) or an individual who occupies an administrative or executive position and is appointed under 38 U.S.C. 7306(a) or 7401(1). (38 U.S.C. 713(a) and (g)).

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■ 3. In § 1210.18, revise paragraph (b) to read as follows:

§ 1210.18 Burden of proof, standard of review, and penalty.

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(b) *Appellant.* The appellant has the burden of proof, by a preponderance of the evidence, concerning:

- (1) Issues of jurisdiction;
- (2) The timeliness of the appeal; and
- (3) Affirmative defenses.

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Clerk of the Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

14 CFR Part 25

[Docket No. FAA-2013-0801; Special Conditions No. 25-562-SC]

Special Conditions: Airbus Model A350-900 Airplanes; Permanently Installed Rechargeable Lithium-Ion Batteries and Battery Systems

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Final special conditions.

SUMMARY: These special conditions are issued for Airbus Model A350-900 airplanes. This airplane will have a novel or unusual design feature associated with permanently installed rechargeable lithium-ion batteries and battery systems. These batteries have certain failure, operational, and maintenance characteristics that differ significantly from those of the nickel-cadmium and lead-acid rechargeable batteries currently approved for installation on large transport-category airplanes. The applicable airworthiness regulations do not contain adequate or appropriate safety standards for this design feature. These special conditions contain the additional safety standards that the Administrator considers necessary to establish a level of safety equivalent to that established by the existing airworthiness standards.

DATES: *Effective date:* September 22, 2014.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On August 25, 2008, Airbus applied for a type certificate for their new Model A350-900 series airplane. Later, Airbus requested, and the FAA approved, an extension to the application for FAA type certification to November 15, 2009. The Model A350-900 series has a conventional layout with twin wing-mounted Rolls-Royce Trent XWB engines. It features a twin aisle, 9-